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4 A data sharing methodology and structure for communication between users
5 of digital Internet-accessible devices, such as set-top boxes, is described.
6 Users of Internet-accessible devices can establish connections between
7 trusted users of other Internet-accessible devices and transfer personal
8 information using either the Internet or the public switched telephone network
9 (PSTN). Some examples of the type of information that may be transferred
10 include IP addresses, e-mail, multimedia objects, and voice data. Once
11 personal identification information has been exchanged, future
12 communications may be easily re-established and maintained.